

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. While there is not a Sinclair station in the Denver area, this issue is still of great concern to me.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Instead, they are doing strictly what is good for their bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Forcing their stations to air a one-sided pseudo-documentary is also contrary to an open a free democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.